



Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 and §1.111  
Expedited Procedure – Art Unit: 1615  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Richard J. Whitbourne et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. The Application is amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.

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